GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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P.F.DUES FROM EMPLOYERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inspections are restrained in the EPF organisations;

(b) if so, whether the number of new coverage dccreased and the number of defaulters increased as a rusult thereof in alarming manner during the last three years;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to consider conducting of periodical inspections to decrease and discourage the defaulters;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the manner in which the Government propose to protect the interests of Industrial workers and timely payment of PF dues from their employers?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (e): A statement is annexed.

ANNEXURE

Statment referred to in reply parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Questions No.2162 for 18.3.2002 regarding `PF dues from Employers`

(a) No,Sir, A newly developed softare compliance Control System (CCTS)` has been launched by the EPFO for detecting defaults on a month-to-month basis, which also detects under reporting, evasion and possible new coverages.

(b) The number of covered establishments has increased and figures for the last 3 years are as under :-

1998-1999	3,18,430
1999-2000	3,26,541
2000-2001	3,40,013

The use of the new software CCTS has resulted in detection of moire defaults and also in recovery of more arrears. The details for the last 3 years are as follows :-

Year	Arrears (Rs. in crores)	Amount Recovered (Rs. in crores)
1998-1999	732.10	158.92
1999-2000	1684.63	626.33
2000-2001	1981.08	796.98

(c) to (e) As indicated at (b) above the coverage of establishments has increased and with greater detection of defaults, along with increase of arrears, the amount recovered has also increased. To provide better service and to protect the interests of the members,

the Information Technology enabled system has been launched. Further, necessary legal and penal action is taken against the employers who default in payment of dues in time.